

In Memoriam

JAN K. ISHII

WHEREAS, Jan K. Ishii, beloved father and husband, passed away on July 1, 2012, due to complications from non-Hodgkins Lymphoma at age 76; and

WHEREAS, Jan, was husband to his loving wife, Barbara, and father to their son, David; and

WHEREAS, Jan was born on March 1, 1936, in Long Beach, California, and as a small child was relocated with his family to a Japanese-American relocation camp in California during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Jan started with the State Board of Equalization (BOE) in 1963 as a Tax Auditor in Los Angeles; promoted through the tax auditor ranks to District Principal Auditor, and in 1982 became the District Administrator for the Santa Ana Office, expanding the office to include the Laguna Hills Branch Office; and

WHEREAS, Jan served as IRIS Project Manager for all field offices, developed fiscal accountability and fiscal review training standards; and served as Managing Chairman for training for the district offices; and

WHEREAS, Jan, in his role as a manager, inspired generations of BOE staff, helping them reach their full potential and meet or exceed BOE standards until retiring after thirty-five years, eleven months of service on March 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Jan, despite his dislike of public speaking, spoke for an hour and a half in front of 200 people at his retirement dinner, ending his speech by telling the crowd that the next chapter in his life would be devoted to catching a big 200-pound tuna, and organized many fishing trips with current and former BOE employees; and

WHEREAS, Jan, while never able to catch "the big" tuna, caught a 50-pound yellow fin and won first place in a fishing contest in 2008 and a 36-pound blue fin that earned him second place in another fishing contest; and

WHEREAS, Jan, in retirement, was able to fulfill his promise to spend more time with his wife Barbara and son David; and

WHEREAS, Jan, beloved by many, will be greatly missed by all who knew him: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the great State of California and the Members of the State Board of Equalization hereby recognize Jan for his many years of service and contributions to the State and to his community, and extend to his family our sincere condolences.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of July 2012